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FOR CRAIG ATKINS

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SUBJ: AGRIBUSINESS SEMINAR MISSION

REF: A. STATE 464, B. STATE 658, C. ABIDJAN 446

1. IN ORDER TO ISURE THAT THE SEMANIR IN ABIDJAN IS AS SUCCESSFUL AS POSSIBLE, EMBASSY ABIDJAN WOULD LIKE TO DESCRIBE BRIEFLY THE AUDIENCE TO WHICH SEMINAR PARTICIPANTS WILL BE SPEAKING. THE IVORY COAST IS ONE OF THE MOST SOPHISTICATED AGRICULTURAL ECONOMIES IN AFRICA, PERHAPS IN THE ENTIRE THIRD WORLD. IT HAS MANAGED TO SUSTAIN AN AVERAGE 7 PER CENT GROWTH RATE SINCE INDEPENDENCE ON THE BASIS OF AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT ALONE. TO SUPPLEMENT AND STABILIZE INCOME FROM THE TRADITIONAL CROPS OF COFFEE AND COCOA, IVORIAN PLANNERS HAVE EMBARKED ON AN AMBITIOUS PROGRAM OF DIVERSIFICATION INTO COMMODITIES SUCH AS OIL PALM SUGAR, BANANAS, PINEAPPLES, COTTON AND RICE. THESE DEVELOPMENT SCHEMES USE MODERN SOPHISTICATED MACHINERY AND TECHNIQUES AND HAVE, ON THE
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WHOLE, BEEN REMARKABLY SUCCESSFUL.

2. THE EMBASSY NOTES THAT THE CREDENTAILS OF THE SEMINAR SPEAKERS ARE IMPRESSIVE AND HOPES THAT EACH ONE WILL PREPARE HIS REMARKS WITH THE SOPHISTICATION OF THE IVORIAN AUDIENCE IN MIND. FOR FURTHER BACKGROUND ON IVORY COAST, SPEAKERS SHOULD BE GIVEN COPIES OF RECENT EMBASSY AGRO-

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ECONOMIC REPORTING. THE EMBASSY RECCOMENDS THE FOLLOWING:
77 - ABIDJAN A-13, 77 - ABIDJAN A-42, 77 - ABIDJAN A-49,
77-ABIDJAN A-87, & 77 - ABIDJAN A-85.

3. EMBASSY HAS MADE RESERVATIONS AT HOTEL IVOIRE FOR
FIVE SINGLES, ONE DOUBLE AND ONE SUITE FOR FEB 14 THROUGH
18 (INCLUDING RESERVATION FOR INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER REP)
AND RESERVATIONS FOR ATKINS' ADVANCE TRIP JANUARY 25
THROUGH FEB 1 AT THE HOTEL TIAMA. IN ADDITION, CONFERENCE
ROOM AT HOTEL IVOIRE HAS BEEN RESERVED FOR ENTIRE DAY OF
FEBRUARY 16. FISCAL DATA REQUIRED ASAP SO THAT APPROPRIATE
FUNDS CAN BE OBLIGATED.

4. SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION EQUIPMENT WILL BE PROVIDED IN
THE CONFERENCE ROOM AND IS INCLUDED IN THE RENTAL OF
100,000 CFAF (ABOUT $430).

5. BROCHURES AND PAPERS -- ABIDJAN MUST HAVE BOTH WELL IN
ADVANCE OF SEMINAR DATE. BROCHURES ARE REQUIRED FOR
PUBLICITY AND INVITATIONS, AND PAPERS REQUIRE A REASONABLE
PERIOD FOR REPRODUCTION (RUSH PRINTING JOBS ARE NOT POSSIBLE
IN ABIDJAN). PLEASE INDICATE WHICH SPEECHES WILL HAVE TO
BE TRANSLATED. ADVANCE COPIES IN ENGLISH WOULD BE VERY
HELPFUL TO EMBASSY FSL'S WHO WILL ACT AS TRANSLATORS.

6. USIS IS BEING ASKED TO ASSIST WITH PUBLICITY AND FILM/
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SLIDE EQUIPMENT. FSL TRANSLATORS AND SECRETARY ARE AVAILABLE.

7. COCKTAIL -- PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER SEMINAR TEAM WISHES TO HOLD
A COCKTAIL AND, IF SO, PLEASE SUPPLY FISCAL DATA.
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